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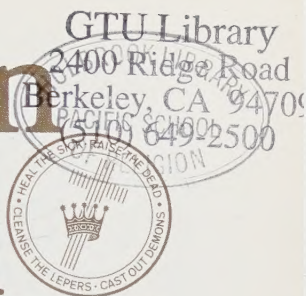
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God Does Help

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Does God exist? If so, can He help with human troubles? If He can, why doesn't He do it more? And how can I enlist God's help when I need it?

These questions perplex a lot of people today. Yet the Bible states categorically, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."¹ Many people through the ages have found this to be true. But many more are still unconvinced of the effectiveness of God's help.

Christian Science explains that God does exist, that God is good, that He is always at hand, always active, and always supremely powerful. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes, "All that worketh good is some manifestation of God asserting and developing good."² God's qualities are palpable and powerful. As we let them permeate our thought, they permeate and transform our experience.

God is Love, embracing all of His creation. God is Mind, imparting intelligence and wisdom. God is Soul, expressing spiritual beauty and affluence. It would be difficult to think of a situation where more wisdom and more love and a more affluent thought would not help. And all these qualities belong to man as God's expression.

God's help does not usually come miraculously or spectacularly. It comes gently and unobtrusively by touching and spiritualizing individual human thought. How do we feel God's presence? Through consecration and prayer rather than through human reason or material observation.

Why is God's help not more universally apparent? Because people have a material, personal sense of themselves as mortals cut off from God or outside and beyond His help. Instead, they need to see themselves as divine ideas emanating from God, expressing His nature and qualities.

Some people have a false theological sense of their unworthiness to receive God's help. Others have a humanistic sense of self-sufficiency that needs no help. Still others have a materialistic sense that sees no hope of help except through material means and methods. All of these beliefs have to be dissolved. But this dissolving process is the first thing God can help us with.

The slightest feeling of being embraced by divine Love begins to dissolve any mortal sense of rejection. The smallest grasp of the magnitude of divine wisdom and intelligence begins to dissolve any mortal belief of self-sufficiency or self-depreciation. The least glimpse of spiritual beauty and affluence begins to dissolve materialistic values.

Most of our troubles arise from accepting a suggestion of the absence of God—at some time or in some place or for some individual. But God is never absent for a moment, and understanding this helps us to feel His saving, healing presence.

One evening a young woman telephoned a Christian Science practitioner and asked for treatment for her mother, who had a lump on her neck. Both mother and daughter were very troubled.

The practitioner asked the mother to study the passage in *Unity of Good* where Mrs. Eddy writes, "If God is ever present, He is neither absent from Himself nor from the universe." She continues:

"Christ cannot come to mortal and material sense, which sees not God. This false sense of substance must yield to His eternal presence, and so dissolve."³

The pain stopped almost immediately. The patient felt reassured and less fearful. It later came to light that because of an unhappy experience many years before, this woman had withdrawn into herself and shrank from meeting people. She hadn't even been out alone for a very long time, and there were many accumulated fears and reproaches to be dissolved in her thought.

Treatment was continued, and a passage from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* was studied and applied. Here Mrs. Eddy writes, "In patient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dissolve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant of error,—self-will, self-justification, and self-love,—which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin and death."⁴ Other "self" traits like self-condemnation and self-distrust were added to this list.

Before long the lump opened naturally, drained gently and thoroughly, and the place gradually healed. One evening the patient told her daughter she would go and call on a neighbor she hadn't seen for some time. From then on she began to lead a normal life again, doing her own shopping and taking pleasure in meeting everyone.

Nearly all troubles involve some degree of self-justification. Self-justification explains how the trouble arose in the first place and gives it a cause and history. Perhaps self-deception, self-reproach, self-will, self-love, and self-pity crowd in and make the trouble seem worse and the help more remote. Self-renunciation is needed to dissolve all this so we can accept the present harmony that is natural to man as God's reflection.

Enlisting God's help either in or out of trouble is not demanding favors from Him. It is turning to Him as our source of help, much as we turn to the sun for light because we know that is where light comes from. Then we never fail to have the comforting reassurance that God exists and that He does help.

¹ Ps. 46:1; ² *Message to The Mother Church for 1900*, p. 10; ³ *Un.*, p. 60; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 242.

To Be Quiet Within

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In this world of wars, economic crises, pollution, world hunger, the beautiful words of the twenty-third Psalm bring a message of comfort and quiet hope. The Psalmist affirms his deep faith in God when he writes, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."¹ Where do we find rest from ills and reach "the still waters" of harmony and peace? Is there a way to achieve harmony and quietness within?

Christ Jesus was not disturbed by the multitudes who came to him for relief from suffering. Knowing his oneness with God and affirming that he did his works through the power of God, he was quiet within. There was a time on a ship when Jesus' fearful disciples roused him from sleep because a storm was raging on the Sea of Galilee. Matthew's account reads, "Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm."² How clearly Jesus must have known there was nothing present but God's allness, without or within. He proved that harmony was the fact of the situation.

Christian Science makes a very clear distinction between the person who seems to be enmeshed in a material world of trials and cares and the real man—who is the perfect reflection of God. Man lives in an ever-unfolding spiritual universe, and the material universe is its counterfeit.

How very important are our quiet times with God, when in complete faith and confidence we understand His allness, His goodness, and the unreality of every false belief depicting discordant individuals living in a disturbed world. To keep a sense of quiet, there is a need for daily periods of communion with God. Wherever an individual may be, whatever the circumstances, he can know he is

abiding in God's goodness and can never be separated from God, his divine Principle. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*: "The Scripture declares, 'The Lord He is God [good]; there is none else beside Him.' Even so, harmony is universal, and discord is unreal."³

There are many instances given in the Bible when quietness and confidence in God's omnipotent power and allness brought healing to the situation. For example, the children of Israel were blocked by the Red Sea before them and Pharaoh's Egyptian army behind them. It was at this impasse that Moses held quietly firm and said to the people, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day."⁴ The waters of the Red Sea parted, and Moses and the children of Israel crossed in safety. Knowing God's omnipotent presence casts out fear. Accepting God's allness, we realize there is no place for anxiety of any kind. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Understanding the control which Love held over all, Daniel felt safe in the lions' den, and Paul proved the viper to be harmless."⁵

To maintain a deep sense of quiet, it is important to examine everything that seeks admission to consciousness. The false beliefs of discord and mortality cannot be admitted, because these are the errors that would rob a person of inner peace. Thoughts that come from God—thoughts of love, joy, harmony, goodness, and the like—fill consciousness with the sureness of God's everlasting protection, guidance, and care. These thoughts, when admitted, establish quietness within.

At times hurry and pressure would rob an individual of quietness and peace. Too many things to do, and too little time in which to do them! Home activities, business matters, social obligations, pile up; they all clamor for attention. What to do? This is the time to stop the frantic rushing and to know that man, the perfect reflection of the Mind that holds the universe in order, reflects this unhurried Mind in every action. Therefore, man cannot be disturbed, agitated, pressured. Man dwells forever in God's harmonious universe.

But an individual may very well ask, What about all these things that need to be done *now*? The question then is, Who is the doer? God is the source of all action. A false sense of responsibility, and

the error of believing that one is personally doing the work, limit action and result in burden. Man reflects the orderliness of Principle, the spontaneity of Life, the perfect consciousness of Truth. Knowing the truth and acting in accordance with it bring healing. There is no hurried, burdened action in Mind.

Human will is the cause of much turmoil and strife. Outlining how one wants a situation to resolve itself results in discouragement and disappointment when things do not turn out as humanly willed and planned. Yielding human will to God's divine will brings a deep sense of quietness and peace. God supplies every real need. God is good, and His will for us is goodness and love. True humility brings true quiet within.

The man-made limitations of time and space would attempt to box an individual into a tight-fitting pattern where he feels frustrated and loses his sense of quietness within. But man reflects the timeless, infinite being of God, and therefore, in reality, knows no limitations of time and space. Man is not cramped and bewildered, for he expresses God's timeless, effortless being. All of God's universe has quietness, and man, too, has this same peace and serenity.

Loving God and being obedient to God's laws, we find the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes essential in establishing quietness. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, "Spiritual living and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love."⁶

Many times inner peace has brought healing to me. One time, when I was swimming in the ocean, a very strong current threatened to overwhelm me. In this moment of danger I turned to God in prayer, filling consciousness with the deep quiet that comes with complete dependence on God. I knew I could not lose my life; life reflects God, Life. Nor could I lose my strength because I knew that man reflects the power of God. In quiet confidence I then swam safely to shore.

Quietness and confidence in God can pervade our world to the extent that each individual in it recognizes his perfect sonship with God and begins to prove it. Nations are comprised of individuals, and as each individual purifies his own consciousness, world con-

sciousness will be purified, improved, and receptive to quietness and peace. What a joy and blessing it is each day to know and prove quietness within—God's allness demonstrated!

¹ Ps. 23:2; ² Matt. 8:26; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 414; ⁴ Ex. 14:13; ⁵ *Science and Health*, p. 514; ⁶ *ibid.*, p. 264.

Don't just expect it

Accept Your Healing

EDWIN G. LEEVER

"Accept your healing." That's what she said. And then added, "Don't just expect it. Accept it." She should know. She was an experienced Christian Science practitioner.

To accept something is to receive it willingly, give our consent to it, not fight or argue against it. You would assume, wouldn't you, most people would willingly accept healing? But stop and think about it for a minute. Do they? Do you? Do I?

I can remember times when I argued against healing—that is, until I realized what I was doing. For instance, one time I was ill and lying on my bed, faithfully going over statements of spiritual truth. But that's all I was doing—going over them. I wasn't trying to understand them. I was simply mouthing words.

Then my small children came bursting into the room. "Hey, Dad, why don't you know the truth and get healed?" They couldn't understand the delay, having witnessed many quick Christian Science healings.

I sighed and patiently started to explain that they just didn't understand, that I was very ill. Suddenly I realized that in their childlike acceptance of God's instant healing power, they understood much better than I did. They were not only expecting God, eternal Truth, to heal me. They were accepting the healing for me right then and there. So I asked myself why I didn't do the same.

So I did. I jumped out of bed, joined them in play, and was healed. What happened? In simple childlikeness, I accepted the truth that I was God's man, His perfect spiritual likeness, whole and free. I let the divine facts of my God-given well-being correct the belief that I was a sick human being. In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy says, "The divine must overcome the human at every point."¹

As we let "the divine . . . overcome the human at every point" in our consciousness, we're saying, in effect, "The divine facts of man's being are true of me. And I believe them. I'm no longer arguing against them. I'm accepting my healing right now." That's what I did that day, and I was healed.

We read in the Bible, "I will accept you, saith the Lord God."² If God is accepting us, will we not accept Him and His likeness, immortal man? Stubbornly holding on to a mortal concept of ourselves is not only arguing against healing; it is not fully accepting the truth of God and His likeness. God is not a mortal, nor has He made man a mortal. "Is it necessary to say," Mrs. Eddy asks us, "that the likeness of God, Spirit, is spiritual, and the likeness of Love is loving?"³

Simple acceptance of man as reflecting the nature of God—as spiritual, loving, harmonious, free—brings healing. We begin seeing that man can no more be touched by a material germ, virus, or symptom than God can. We begin realizing that man can no more lose his perfect and whole spiritual identity than a sunbeam can lose its ability to give out light. That's just how it is.

We quit being so impressed and in awe of what the material senses argue. A lot of clamor and commotion doesn't make falsehood true. What God didn't create doesn't exist. God, Spirit, did not create matter or material sense testimony. So why believe that testimony?

Christ Jesus stressed the importance of believing what is true whether the material senses confirm it or not. His own disciples had to learn this over and over. They were inclined to believe, as we are today, in the validity of material evidence. Day after day during Jesus' healing ministry they witnessed proofs of Spirit's supremacy over material ailments. And yet Thomas could not accept Jesus' resurrection until he had tangible proof. Jesus said to

him, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."⁴ Where was Thomas's childlike trust in all the Master had taught and shown him? What was he accepting?

Speaking of this disciple, Mrs. Eddy writes, "Nothing but a display of matter could make existence real to Thomas."⁵ So Jesus showed him the proof, and Thomas learned a valuable lesson on how blessed it is to be one of those who "have not seen, and yet have believed." Then he must have really accepted Jesus' teachings, for it is recorded in Mark that he and the other ten disciples "went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."⁶

As we become more ready to accept what we know to be true—whether the material senses confirm it or not—the mesmeric influence of material sense testimony fades away and takes with it the discordant evidence. We experience healing. Whereas if we wait for "a display of matter" to tell us whether we're better or not, we're still thinking of man as a mortal, as a material being, and believing that matter has to change and improve. But man is the unchanging, pure likeness of infinite Spirit, whole and intact. He is not for one moment vulnerable to or contaminated by any material belief, opinion, law, or verdict. Man is the spiritual, perfect expression of health now and always, because that's the way God has made him and maintains him.

What do you say we accept this concept of man, and accept it this very moment?

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 43; ² Ezek. 43:27; ³ *Message to The Mother Church for 1902*, p. 8; ⁴ John 20:29; ⁵ *Science and Health*, pp. 317–318; ⁶ Mark 16:20.

*The Lord preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and he helped me. . . .
O Lord, truly I am thy servant.*

Psalms 116:6, 16

God Does Not Punish

MARY STRIPP KEMPER

"What has God done?"

"Is He punishing me for my sins?"

"This hardship has to be endured because I must have done something to deserve it!"

We sometimes hear these comments uttered with resignation by those apparently influenced by the doctrines of scholastic theology. Such sentiments indicate a bowing to what many consider to be a divine but relentless law.

Don't be misled! God never ordained anything but eternal good for His children. Mrs. Eddy, however, gives us these thought-provoking statements: "To cause suffering as the result of sin, is the means of destroying sin. Every supposed pleasure in sin will furnish more than its equivalent of pain, until belief in material life and sin is destroyed."¹

On the previous page she explains: "Prayer is not to be used as a confessional to cancel sin. Such an error would impede true religion. Sin is forgiven only as it is destroyed by Christ,—Truth and Life. If prayer nourishes the belief that sin is cancelled, and that man is made better merely by praying, prayer is an evil. He grows worse who continues in sin because he fancies himself forgiven."²

Then, does God punish people for their sins? Never! Being the perfect creator of a perfect creation, God is the divine Principle that forever maintains the original perfection of His universe and man.

What, then, is occurring when we suffer in some way for breaking the moral law? First, we must understand that the spiritual man of God's creating never sins and therefore never undergoes punishment. Secondly, we see it is only the supposititious, mes-

meric claim of error that is being destroyed by the activity of the Christ. Throughout his ministry Christ Jesus uncovered, rebuked, and cast out error. He spoke sternly to error, but had he personalized it or given it reality he could not have cured it.

"But," you may say, "I'm hurting, I'm suffering!" Again, in Christian Science we can understand that only a false material sense of selfhood suffers. As we awake spiritually on the winning side of the experience, as we always will—proportionably as we yield to divine Mind's government and strive to know more of the nature of God and His likeness, man—we will see that all that was ever going on was health and harmony. We will recognize that only the qualities of the Father are to be found in the son, and we will be ready to eliminate offending traits of character as unreal.

The Scriptures declare, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth."³ Does this mean that a corporeal deity is keeping a record of our errors and afflicting us for each of them? Not at all! God is divine Spirit. He is Love. He is our Father-Mother. He is constantly sustaining the perfection of His creation. This sustaining of perfection acts as law to annihilate anything that would presumptuously claim to be unlike God, good; and the operation of this law may appear to us to be a process of being chastened. But it is the false belief of life in matter, whether it be called disease or mental misery, that is destroyed—never the individual.

In actuality, the belief of life in matter has only a mythical existence, because Spirit is the one and only primal cause. Effect, therefore, is always spiritual, good. Awake to his true status as the glorious imaging forth of his Father, one can find himself to be morally and physically whole—regardless of whatever painful dream state he once imagined himself to be in. This is the rebirth of which St. Paul speaks.

Of course we may be tempted to chafe under the Father's correcting rod. But the child who receives wise, patient, firm discipline usually feels secure and loved and is helped in his growth Spiritward. So it is with God's role as the divine Parent. Mrs. Eddy states: "We recognize this kingdom, the reign of harmony within us, by an unselfish affection or love, for this is

the pledge of divine good and the insignia of heaven. This also is proverbial, that though eternal justice be graciously gentle, yet it may seem severe.”⁴

A nation experiencing moral and economic upheaval is not being punished by God’s “anger.” Rather, that nation may be undergoing the wholesome experience of being forced to examine and correct many of its values and standards. What seems for the moment painful can give place to rededication to those spiritual qualities that are the foundation of greatness. Good is never lost or destroyed. It is only the *illusion* of a power opposed to God that is extinguished by the dawning of the light of Truth.

An individual finding himself with an apparently diseased condition of the body need not and should not approach the challenge with an attitude of condemnation, morbidly dwelling on whatever erroneous behavior he may think has brought this upon him. Healthy human self-knowledge is always necessary, and it should be followed by a turning to God to learn what is true of the Father and thus true of His image and likeness, man. As we endeavor, indeed strive, to fill consciousness with the awareness of spiritual good alone, we will be yielding to the law of Love, which uncovers and destroys all claim of error and its fictitious manifestation. We can be assured that what is in reality occurring is the ever-operative, regulating, stabilizing law of the divine Parent loving His creation and never releasing it from His eternal and beneficent control.

God is All! He is “of purer eyes than to behold evil.”⁵ Let us find joy and comfort in the assurance that God’s seeing of good alone will bring us through any trying situation—even through the valley of the shadow of death. To go *through* something naturally implies coming out on the other side. What appears to be a dark tunnel has light at the end of it. We hasten our arrival by recognizing in any untoward situation the activity of the Christ as it uncovers in consciousness whatever lie may be masquerading as man and establishes the truth in place of the lie.

Our Father does not punish.

He loves!

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 6; ² *ibid.*, p. 5; ³ Heb. 12:6; ⁴ *Retrospection and Introspection*, pp. 79–80; ⁵ Hab. 1:13.

Claim Your Exemption!

JOHN E. CHEAL

"Why do you want to be different from the other five thousand men in this camp?" demanded the medical sergeant at the Royal Canadian Air Force training depot. I had claimed exemption from all vaccinations and inoculations on religious grounds. I knew there was no legal ruling making such injections compulsory, despite a statement to that effect on the application form. I also realized I must take a stand for divine Principle on this issue if I expected to claim its protection in every other aspect of my military experience.

But the sergeant was not convinced there was any legal basis for such exemption and he sent me to the camp library for a copy of the regulations. When I returned with the document, he read, to his surprise, that inoculations were considered desirable but were not compulsory. After first checking with the Senior Medical Officer the sergeant proceeded to type the requested exemption on my medical record card.

How often we are tempted to obey a law that doesn't actually exist! The suggestion we do this may come through the media, either orally or visually. It may impose itself upon us during telephone conversations with friends or relatives. More often it appears in the guise of our own thought.

The suggestion may claim to be a law of contagion, insisting that sin or disease can be transmitted from one individual to another. It may present itself as a law of nature, claiming we can be adversely affected by climate or altitude, by the pollen of plants or the dust from industrial activities. It may call itself a law of age, declaring our mental or physical capacities can be impaired by the passage of time. The suggestion may come as a so-called law of economics. It would have us believe we are the helpless victims of business trends or employment cycles.

We must ever be alert to the persistent impositions of material sense, claiming that man is at the mercy of physical forces or human theories called law. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*: "By universal consent, mortal belief has constituted itself a law to bind mortals to sickness, sin, and death. This customary belief is misnamed material law, and the individual who upholds it is mistaken in theory and in practice. The so-called law of mortal mind, conjectural and speculative, is made void by the law of immortal Mind, and false law should be trampled under foot."¹

How can we be free from such impositions? By clearly distinguishing between that which is law and that which is not law, and by claiming exemption from all that is not derived from immortal Mind and supported by the authority of divine Principle. Laws of matter are at best theories, not laws. They are constructs of the human mind, mental images or models. They are comprised of hypotheses derived from physical-sense evidence.

In Christian Science the unreliability of physical-sense evidence is clearly understood. Since God, Spirit, is the only creative intelligence, true creation is spiritual, the perfect outcome of this divine intelligence. Matter and mortal mind—false, material consciousness—are one and unreal. Physical evidence is mortal mind perceiving the objectification of its own belief. Mrs. Eddy explains it this way: "Mortal mind produces its own phenomena, and then charges them to something else,—like a kitten glancing into the mirror at itself and thinking it sees another kitten."²

The hypotheses and conclusions presented in all human theories and material laws can be no more reliable than the physical-sense evidence on which they are based. Though they may claim to command great respect and authority, they have no more legitimacy or permanence than the great image, "whose brightness was excellent," seen by Nebuchadnezzar in a dream. They are one and all based on the belief there is life, substance, and intelligence in matter, and there is a mortal mind that can hold such a belief.

In Nebuchadnezzar's dream a stone was cut out, which struck the great image on its feet of iron and clay and completely demolished it. We read, "Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the

summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.”³

All human theories and supposed physical laws must ultimately be replaced by Christ's divine Science—the law of God. Christ, Truth, demolishes these false claims to law by wiping out their impossible foundations, their erroneous assumptions that matter can be intelligent and mind mortal. The Christ reveals the origin and energizer of all true law to be divine Principle, the only causative Mind.

Divine Principle, eternal Truth, wipes out every claim to power and law that does not emanate from within itself. It destroys the belief in private mortal minds capable of creating their own theoretical models that can endow matter with power to tyrannize mankind. It sets mankind free from the illegitimate impositions of mortal mind and sustains and enforces the beneficent forces of spiritual law, emanating from divine Mind.

The necessity for proving this occurred a few weeks after the incident recorded at the beginning of this article. The suggestion of false law took the form of an internal physical trouble that made it difficult for me to eat. There was also the threat that I would lose consciousness when standing or marching on parade. The further suggestion came that I would be unable to meet this condition through my understanding of Christian Science and would have to report on sick parade to the very officer who had granted me exemption from inoculations. As I turned to *Science and Health* and opened it, my eye fell on the first tenet of Christian Science. It reads: “As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.”⁴

As I read, the word “sufficient” seemed to stand out in bold relief. The realization came that the inspired Word, the will and law of God, was indeed adequate to overrule the most aggressive suggestion of an opposing physical law. With this recognition the fear lessened and the physical symptoms began to subside. Complete freedom was realized, and I left the service two years later without ever having had to report on sick parade or submit to inoculations.

When we take our stand for divine Principle, claim our exemption from the impositions of so-called material laws, and affirm the

omnipotence and omnipresence of God's law, we are supported all the way. Step by step we can reject the tyranny of mortal mind and its falsely educated beliefs and rejoice in our freedom as the sons and daughters of God.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 229; ² *ibid.*, p. 220; ³ Dan. 2:35; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 497.

Rejecting a Lie with Spiritual Truth

BARBARA J. PRESLER

Lies, gossip, slander, sometimes seem to hit us just when we feel we are doing a good job. How we deal with them has a lot to do with our peace of mind—at home, in church work, in the dormitory, or at our place of business.

I once found myself the butt of malicious gossip in college. After stewing about it for a while I called a Christian Science practitioner.

"Did God say it?" she asked.

"No!" I said. "So-and-so did."

"Well," she concluded, "if God didn't say it, it's never been said!"

Because I understood God to be omnipresent, omnipotent, wholly good, and man, His creation, to be perfect and spiritual, reflecting only the activity of perfect God, I knew that if God had never done this unkind thing, it had never in reality been done. This was enough to heal me of distress over the situation. My relations with the individual perpetrating the gossip grew more harmonious, until finally there was a peaceful separation.

Hating the perpetrator of evil lies will never correct the lie or heal the liar. As Truth, or God, is All, an evil lie cannot occupy space or appear real in God's infinite goodness. Since the true identity of all men and women is spiritual and perfect, evil is never

person. Everyone is in reality the spiritual reflection of Mind, or Truth. An envious, hateful, malicious mortal is not the truth of God's creation.

Mrs. Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science, had to refute many misconceptions and lies about it. She writes: "Jesus said of personified evil, that it was 'a liar, and the father of it.' Truth creates neither a lie, a capacity to lie, nor a liar."¹ Christ Jesus also characterized the devil, or evil, this way: "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him."²

Spiritual thoughts are based on divine Mind. Material thinking is based on mortal mind. In absolute Christian Science there is no mortal mind to originate evil thinking. A lie cannot destroy the right ideas of Truth; to believe it could would be like saying nothing can destroy something. Nothing is always nothing—lifeless, mindless. Mortal mind, the belief of intelligence apart from the one Mind, has no ability with which to promote or sustain itself.

Man manifests the omniscient intelligence of Mind. This intelligence is always conscious of the truth. Intelligent being, man, understands spiritually. The spiritual fact is all there is to know.

If we knew all the truth there is to know about any given situation, we could never believe a lie about it. There is nothing unknown to infinite Mind, or Truth, nothing outside the realm of Truth's perfect comprehension.

Condemnation of the lie, not condemnation of a person, is what heals. Jesus sternly denied the evil that would have controlled the thoughts of his contemporaries. His Christly approach is one we can adopt. This Christly rule, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,"³ when practiced, works as a law of good, a law of love, to banish every lie about man.

When we are honest—that is, honest about the spiritual reality of perfect God and perfect idea, man—and when we keep man's perfection in thought regardless of the lying human sense of error and hate that may appear to use us or our fellowman, we will be able to reject any lie, instead of ruminating over it.

Truthfulness is a quality of Truth everyone possesses. It is the best defense against any lie. The God-prompted uncovering of evil, no matter how awful the stench or how loud the noise accompany-

ing the uncovering, is good, for a lie uncovered is on its way to being destroyed. Any remaining portion cannot last when Mind's supremacy, Truth's ever-presence, and the eternal law of God, or Principle, are acknowledged as ever operative, all-powerful, and all-good.

Knowing that man reflects divine consciousness, we can discern through spiritual sense the reality of good. We can reject immediately any lying suggestion of the carnal, material mind. If it isn't of God, it isn't good. If it isn't good, we cannot accept it. We wouldn't knowingly accept something into our mentality if we knew it wouldn't help us to be happy, harmonious, or healthy. Truth always blesses and uplifts, and it heals all manner of discord. Truth, continuing uninterrupted in our thought, impels us to reject every lie about God and man.

We have God-given strength to reject evil—to know the goodness of God and to see the perfect integrity of man. Mrs. Eddy says, "We sustain Truth, not by accepting, but by rejecting a lie."⁴

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 357; ² John 8:44; ³ Matt. 22:39; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 357.

You Are Unique!

MARILYN JANE RIMMINGTON

Do you ever feel you've been left behind in the race—that those around you are all winners, and you a perennial loser? To accept these arguments is to believe that God is playing favorites—that He has given more good to one of His children than to another. But this state of thought is corrected as we understand God's universal, impartial love for all His creation and each individual's unique place to fill in that creation.

Each of us has a singular position in life, a place no one else can fill. We each have a special brand of beauty, a particular way of expressing love. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Each individual must fill his own niche in time and eternity."¹

Christ Jesus could have been pointing to the importance of every individual in the divine order when he said: "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."²

How can we begin to find our niche so we can fill it? How can we bring into our present experience a greater sense of achievement and fulfillment? By claiming it! Because each of us in his true being is spiritual, an individual expression of God, we have divine authority for claiming the qualities inherent in God—in Principle, Life, Truth, Love, Mind, Soul, Spirit. Right now we can begin to claim for ourselves the ability to express Mind's completeness, Love's purpose, Life's richness, Soul's satisfaction. These and infinitely more of the divine qualities are ours without measure. If we feel we're not achieving enough, it may be we're not claiming enough!

What can keep us from beginning this heaven-born activity now? Nothing. Evil has no intelligence or power to cause us to resist or delay. But apathy and inertia brought about by self-centered thinking sometimes slow our progress. Isn't unselfed love the whole point of this activity? Isn't our real purpose to *be* what God has created us to be—His complete and glorious expression? To bless those around us by seeing them this way as well? The man of God's creating is forever upright, loving, joyful, free. He includes recognition, fulfillment. In claiming these divine qualities for ourselves we need to acknowledge them as true for all mankind. In fact, unless we do, we cannot effectively claim them for ourselves.

When we begin to see and accept that we each have a unique place in the divine scheme, we will not be so tempted to compare our gains with those of others. To make such a comparison can provide a perfect nest for self-pity and self-depreciation. In turn, these darkened states of thought may engender jealousy, rivalry, frustration. Rather, we can come to recognize every expression of beauty and excellence as evidence of God's self-revealing activity,

of His perfection. We can know that it points to the fullness and glory we all express as sons and daughters of God. The more we understand and acknowledge the universality and impartiality of God's goodness, the more permanent becomes our consciousness of His goodness and the more evident is that goodness in our lives.

Our niche is not a comfortable rut of self-satisfaction. It continues to unfold and expand as we fill it—as we live the truths of Christian Science. Then we find a higher purpose, a more spiritual love, impelling our lives to greater usefulness to all mankind.

¹ *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 70; ² Luke 12:6, 7.

TALENT

There is that
buried out of sight
saved in the ground
but lost
because unspent.

There is that
spent
but lost
because unloved.

Keep then
His healing gift
in polished sight
where
love-releasing cost
has nothing more
than all of right
to share.

MAXINE LE PELLEY

Only God

Jeri Lyn Witters



— Jerry Witters —

One day Tanya was at a track meet. The coach decided that before they left they would have a relay. Tanya and one of her friends decided to race against each other. They were a few feet from the finish line when her friend accidentally tripped her. Tanya's ankle seemed to be sprained, and she thought, "Why does everything happen to me? I'm always getting hurt!"

Then the coach brought her into the locker room and told her to soak her foot in water. But Tanya had gone to the Christian Science Sunday School since she was three years old, and after soaking her foot for about five minutes she realized that listening to God was what was really needed. So she went home.

When she got home the pain seemed very real, so she and her mother got out the Bible, and *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy. They opened the Bible to the place where Christ Jesus said: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."¹ Tanya could see that since this was true, it was impossible to think of turning to matter, or mammon, for help—not even to a basin of water. An understanding of God's love and care was what she needed.

In *Science and Health* they turned to page 475, where Mrs. Eddy asks, "What is man?" The answer begins: "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements. The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God." They understood that what was true of spiritual man was true of Tanya as God's child. As they prayerfully studied what man really is, the pain stopped almost at once, and Tanya slept comfortably that night.

The next morning when Tanya got up she had very little discomfort, and when she returned home from school that afternoon she was completely healed. She was more grateful than ever to Christ Jesus for the truth he taught and to Mrs. Eddy for making it clear to us today.

¹ Matt. 6:24.

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Governed by God, Not by Genes

We are what our creator makes us to be. We possess what our creator causes us to have. We act as our creator impels us to act. And what we are and have and do is invariably in accord with the nature of the creator. "Like produces like," as Mary Baker Eddy says. And she continues: "In natural history, the bird is not the product of a beast. In spiritual history, matter is not the progenitor of Mind."¹

On this basis of like producing like we can reason scientifically and learn the nature of our true being, our substance, and how we should expect to act. We can know what is the real influence on our characters and our behavior and aim to live up to what we now understand. But before we can come to any proper conclusion about ourselves we need to understand the nature of our creator, and on this point we are presented with a choice.

Some say the creator is matter—that material genes are responsible for the perpetuation and evolution of the species—and that creation is both material and spiritual, subject to discord. Others say God, divine Spirit or Mind, made all that was made, and that the product is wholly spiritual and eternally good. It is this latter premise that the Bible presents as the fact and that Christian Scientists adopt. "Hath not one God created us?"² is the consistent message of the Bible. And Mrs. Eddy tells us in the Christian Science textbook: "To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle of all that really is. Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combine as one,—and are the Scriptural names for God."³

From this basis, then, we see that because God is the creator, or divine Principle, of all, each individual identity included in the generic term "man" is Godlike, wholly spiritual—idea rather than a physically corporeal or materially mental entity. Each one inherits all he has from God, eternal Life; he reflects the affluence and perfection of Truth; and he is altogether harmonious, governed by the divine law of Love. Each inherits the substance of immortal Soul—its qualities and attributes—in abundance, and each acts invariably in accord with Principle, influenced only by the divine Mind, God.

Mrs. Eddy emphasizes the importance of understanding these facts and living in the light of them when she says, "In a world of sin and sensuality hastening to a greater development of power, it is wise earnestly to consider whether it is the human mind or the divine Mind which is influencing one." And she continues farther on, "Mortals must find refuge in Truth in order to escape the error of these latter days."⁴

While modern sociobiologists believe that human behavior and destiny are genetically determined, Christian Science not only affirms but demonstrates through healing that the divine Mind, God, alone is governing man. Knowing this fact of real, spiritual being, we are liberated from the supposition that we are inevitably victims of matter. We are released from the belief that our lives are governed—and must develop and eventually end—according to an imperfect pattern preconceived by an imperfect, material mind. We are able to escape the penalty attached to such false concepts and feel the hallowing influence of the Christ, the true idea of God, as it transforms human consciousness. This understanding casts out fear, purifies and exalts thought, and in so doing heals sickness and confers freedom from limitation of every kind.

There is no law of human heredity to govern us. If it seems that there is and we see family characteristics—either good or bad—physical, intellectual, or moral traits, idiosyncrasies, and tendencies seemingly transmitted from generation to generation, the divine law of spiritual inheritance, understood, annuls the symptoms and leaves us free to claim and to demonstrate the higher characteristics of Soul.

The children of God are not restricted to an inheritance of a

narrow range of good qualities, and in danger at the same time of being endowed with some bad ones. They are not dependent on human ancestry for talents. Nor need they watch anxiously to see if undesirable health conditions and mental peculiarities have been passed to them or to their offspring through genetic transmission. The belief that one generation could suffer for the sins of a previous one was repudiated in the Bible, where God is represented as saying: "What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine."⁵

Centuries later, the Apostle Paul gave us hope of a glorious inheritance when he said, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."⁶

God's universe is spiritual, and He governs it lovingly and justly. Each of His children inherits equally from Him all good. This is supreme law. It nullifies the often cruel beliefs of genetic transmission and guarantees to all an excellent heritage.

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¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 551; ² Mal. 2:10; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 275; ⁴ *ibid.*, pp. 82-83; ⁵ Ezek. 18:2-4; ⁶ Rom. 8:16, 17.

Clipping the Wings of Itinerancy

Our laying hens faithfully produced a basket of eggs each day. Apparently the hens saw greener grass on the other side of their fence. They regularly yielded to the temptation to "fly the coop." But the hens were well cared for and actually safer within the fence. We saw the fence as a protection. They saw it as a limitation. From time to time we would clip their wings to keep them in.

People, too, tend not to like being cooped up, so to speak, by limitations. Modern life has freed us from many unnecessary restrictions. Breaking down the limitations of time and space over the last century has given many the ability to travel virtually unre-

strained over the face of the globe. Well and good. But Christian Science points out some pitfalls in the indiscriminating desire and persistent impulse to be ever on the move.

Like the hens, we find ourselves better cared for when we live within certain protections. Our protection is Mind's restful stillness. It is certainly not confining to be held in the arms of infinite reality. It is reassuring and comforting.

Regarding orderly demonstration, Mrs. Eddy writes: "Itinerancy should not be allowed to clip the wings of divine Science. Mind demonstrates omnipresence and omnipotence, but Mind revolves on a spiritual axis, and its power is displayed and its presence felt in eternal stillness and immovable Love. The divine potency of this spiritual mode of Mind, and the hindrance opposed to it by material motion, is proven beyond a doubt in the practice of Mind-healing."¹

Of course our purpose here is not to suggest that society should be immobilized, that no one should ever be on the move. There are those whose legitimate activities carry them around the world but who are less itinerant, in a negative sense, than others who seldom walk beyond their doorstep. But within the framework of appropriate purposeful action, there is much we can all do to clip the wings of the kind of itinerancy—both mental and physical—that would rob us of the healing power inherent in spiritual stillness.

Motion, conceived of spiritually, indicates activity, continuity, progress, movement. Divine Mind is never stagnant, never inert—but eternally active. The purpose of Mind's activity, however, is not to animate matter but to ever impel thought spiritually. Herein is purposeful motion. And we feel the result humanly in terms of quietness—a stilling of the material senses. Yielding to the presence and activity of spiritual sense inevitably quiets material sense. The calmness and tranquillity we experience are evidence of the action, or motion, of Mind.

Human motion void of thoughtful motivation is meaningless. Only as our action is stimulated by spiritualized thought does a truly meaningful happening take place. When thought is properly blessed by Mind's motion, appropriate human activity will proceed normally. But this spiritual essence of motion brings a healing stillness to our lives regardless of how intense or busy they may seem.

A business executive may rush from meeting to meeting and by

day's end wonder what was really accomplished—other than rushing from meeting to meeting. The homemaker may find her day busy to the brim and still sense the need of something deeper than human achievement.

Mrs. Eddy cautions, "Three ways of wasting time, one of which is contemptible, are gossiping mischief, making lingering calls, and mere motion when at work, thinking of nothing or planning for some amusement,—travel of limb more than mind." And she adds, "Rushing around smartly is no proof of accomplishing much."²

Youth, too, has its challenge of distinguishing between what properly reflects the motion of Mind and that which is a mere itinerancy of the human mind. Neither traveling that keeps us constantly on the move from location to location without specific well-established goals, nor a mental journey chemically produced by drugs or meditatively induced by the occult, holds genuine promise of fulfillment. When we feel the yearning to be on the go, pursuing a more satisfying experience, physically or mentally, we would be wise to consider carefully the impelling force that moves us.

If our actions and movements are deeply rooted in Mind, we will experience a divinely induced satisfaction, fulfillment, and stillness. If we gain an inkling that no real meaning underlies our mental and physical moves, it's time for a reassessment of values. Mortal thought will never be satisfied with where it has been nor find completeness in where it is going. There is no fulfillment in having come from nowhere and heading toward anywhere. Unsettledness, instability, dissatisfaction, are not elements of Mind.

Paul must have glimpsed something of true stability when he said of God, "In him we live, and move, and have our being."³ Valid and meaningful motion takes place within divine Mind. Thoughtless human motion tends to obscure the healing effect of Mind. We need not allow human concepts of mobility to rob us of essential stillness. A spiritual sense of motion strengthens and blesses.

Mrs. Eddy reminds us, "The best spiritual type of Christly method for uplifting human thought and imparting divine Truth, is stationary power, stillness, and strength."⁴

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¹ *Retrospection and Introspection*, pp. 88–89; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 230; ³ Acts 17:28; ⁴ *Ret.*, p. 93.

From the Directors

Study of the Lesson-Sermons

Question: Does The Mother Church plan to print out in full the six sections of the Bible Lessons as the Golden Text and the Responsive Reading are printed in the *Christian Science Quarterly*?

Answer: No. To extract the lesson citations from the two books, the Bible, and *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, would be to separate the sermon from its pastor. It also would separate the student from his textbooks. Misconceptions of Christian Science generally occur when there is not sufficient information at hand—as, for example, when statements by Mrs. Eddy or passages from the Bible are separated from their context (see *Science and Health* 341:1-8). Mrs. Eddy opposed plans to publish portions of her works and did not approve a recommendation that an earlier form of the Lesson-Sermon be written out for the students, stating that it would be better for them to read from the Bible and *Science and Health*. She says (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 315), “No copies from my books are allowed to be written, and read from manuscripts, either in private or in public assemblies, except by their author.” The entire article “Advice to Students” (*ibid.*, pp. 298-303) may be of interest to students of the Lesson-Sermon.

While we can appreciate the saving in time that printouts offer, the importance of relating each part of the textbook to its whole, as well as protecting the place of *Science and Health* and the Bible in our Church as its dual impersonal pastor, far outweighs this factor.

Question: Do The Christian Science Board of Directors, as copyright owner of *Science and Health*, and The Christian Science Publishing Society, as copyright owner of the *Christian Science Quarterly*, extend permission to others to reproduce and circulate the Bible Lessons in full format?

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Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

Christian Science saved me from the life of inactivity threatened as a result of a complication of physical disorders. It was during World War II, while I was a patient in an Army hospital, that I was introduced to Christian Science. I had been hospitalized while serving as a combat engineer with the United States Army in Europe.

My condition was diagnosed as critical; I'd been suffering from yellow jaundice, pneumonia, pleurisy, and there were indications of tuberculosis. I was told it would be necessary for me to be in bed and inactive for several years. It was also predicted I would never again be able to drive a car or participate in any athletics. Since early boyhood I had been very active in this area, and I looked forward to continued participation. This information, along with the fear I had felt since I had been in combat, left me very depressed.

It was at this point that a Christian Science Wartime Minister found me. A relative, who strongly recommended Christian Science, had been given permission to arrange the visit. The Minister's first comment to me was bold and forthright in its truth: "It is not necessary for you to be in a hospital bed." This was in direct contradiction to the many statements I'd been hearing for several months. During his visits over the following months he would lovingly but firmly challenge my thought about myself; and he always left me with the positive assurance that my freedom from disease could be won. He also left me copies of the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. I would awaken early in the morning and read *Science and Health*

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

under the bed sheets before the others in the ward were awake. Mrs. Eddy's references to mortals' ignorance of their real state of being especially caused me concern. She says (*Science and Health*, pp. 560-561), "Ignorance of the divine idea betrays at once a greater ignorance of the divine Principle of the idea—ignorance of Truth and Love." But I gradually realized this was true.

After six months of hospitalization I was given an automatic medical discharge from the Army and sent to a veterans' hospital. Still hoping that institutionalized medicine could help me, I again found my physical condition did not improve. I then began an earnest study of this newfound truth. When not in my hands, the Bible and *Science and Health* were on the bed stand. Line by line, and step by step, I was gaining spiritual insight into the realities of God's perfect will for man.

A Christian Science practitioner agreed to help me, and I left the hospital. Upon returning home, with the continued prayerful treatment of the practitioner, and with deep study on my own part, the disease symptoms left me, naturally, as night gives place to day. In the Preface of *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy states (p. xi), "The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation."

In two months I returned to college and immediately started playing varsity basketball. At the same time I sent a letter to the Veterans Administration asking them to discontinue my disability compensation. In reply I was asked to report for a physical examination. After a full day of examination and after study of my thick medical file, the doctors said I was in excellent physical condition. Wishing me well, one of them added, "You are indeed lucky." Of course, I know that luck had nothing to do with my complete recovery. My healing came through Christian Science, from the operation of divine Principle, Love. The same divine and spiritual laws that Christ Jesus applied over nineteen hundred years ago are ever operative throughout all time and space.

For the last thirteen years I have been head basketball coach at the same college I attended after my healing over thirty years ago.

I am grateful for branch church membership and the opportunity to serve in various capacities, for Christian Science college organization membership, for membership in The Mother Church, and for class instruction.

DEAN ALFRED SEMPERT
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I will always be grateful to the medical nurse who was the means of bringing Christian Science to me at a time when I was struggling unsuccessfully to recuperate from a surgical operation and nervous breakdown. Also for the Christian Science practitioner who first gave me prayerful treatment and introduced me to the teachings of *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy.

It wasn't easy learning to think and act from a wholly spiritual basis, as my family and entire human environment were quite different. Many times I flung *Science and Health* from me in utter frustration and discouragement, only to pick it up and prayerfully, humbly ask God to help me understand this great truth, which I knew was my only hope of salvation.

I say this so that my experience may encourage someone who now may be going through his own particular Gethsemane, for my healing did finally come and was followed by many years of gradually increasing spiritual understanding and health. Active membership in a Church of Christ, Scientist, came later, and the wonderful, continuing value of class instruction.

Then came a testing time, twelve years ago, when my husband's previously successful business began to fail, and he passed on following an automobile accident.

The need for me to earn was immediate and urgent. And while the work that opened up was anything but what I would have chosen—going from door to door selling a well-known cosmetic product—yet in retrospect I can see the lessons learned were needed preparation for future activity in God's service. This work gave me the opportunity to love and understand others whose lives had not been as sheltered as mine—lessons in humility, patience, courage, trust in God. It was a day-to-day, step-by-step bringing forth of the

divine qualities. I can honestly say there has never been a time when my every need has not been met through reliance upon His ever-available guidance, protection, and loving provision.

At one time a rather large lump appeared under one arm. It, together with its alarming symptoms, disappeared as I was helped to see and declare (*Science and Health*, p. 463), "A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive." I found studying the synonyms for God and identifying myself as an expression of each an immeasurable help. I read *Science and Health* carefully from cover to cover without thought of healing but rejoicing that every word contained therein is the absolute truth—fact. Sometimes it took an almost physical effort to turn away from the aggressive suggestions. This experience taught me the value of obedience as I read again what Mrs. Eddy tells us (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 242): "Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practised therefrom." And, on the same page, "In practising Christian Science you must state its Principle correctly, or you forfeit your ability to demonstrate it."

Now, I feel like a little child who has touched the hem of Christ's garment, listening and praying to serve God in the way of His appointing. Thus I hope to express gratitude for the blessings, too numerous to mention, that have come to me from the writings of Mrs. Eddy, the Church she established, including its periodicals, and all those followers who are so unselfishly carrying on this wonderful work so greatly needed today.

(Mrs.) EMMELINE L. BENNETT
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Over five years ago I became interested in Christian Science through a Mother Church radio program in the series "The Truth That Heals." I would like to share my healing experience.

At the time I was going to a doctor every two weeks and was taking seven kinds of medicine for various ailments with no apparent possible release from taking the medicine. Thyroid and nerves were

among the ailments. I had asked myself and the doctor, "If I am taking all this medicine to keep going now at my present age, what is going to happen as I grow older?" The doctor had no answer for me, and I did not like the prospects. I found my answer in Christian Science.

After hearing the radio program I went to a Christian Science Reading Room to get firsthand information about Christian Science. I knew Mary Baker Eddy was the Founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, and that Christian Scientists believe in relying on God to heal ills rather than going to a doctor; but that was all I knew. The librarian in the Reading Room was very helpful. She gave me a pamphlet about the facts of Christian Science and asked if I would like to borrow a copy of *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy from the lending library; I agreed to.

When I started reading *Science and Health* I couldn't put it down, and by the time I was through reading it I knew Christian Science was what I wanted and needed. Two weeks from the time I heard the radio program I stopped taking all medicines and I never went back to the doctor. I had been healed by reading the book.

For the past five and a half years I have enjoyed good health and am so grateful for all the blessings that Christian Science brings us, for church membership, class instruction, and continuing progress.

(Mrs.) SARAH S. BRYANT
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Through the gentle ministrations of the Christ as revealed in Christian Science we have had many beautiful healings in our family.

A precious healing is that of tone deafness in our daughter when she was small. Her efforts to sing on pitch had been fruitless. But it was clear to me that she was perfect and complete, lacking nothing. Every time I heard her attempt to sing, I was convinced of this spiritual fact. Occasionally I would sing with her, gently encouraging her to sing on pitch. Gradually, she could sing two or three notes on pitch before her voice wandered. I never accepted the problem

as real or as part of her or of anyone. One joyous day, when she was about five years old, I heard her singing along with a very complicated song on her record player, exactly on pitch. A few times after that her pitch wandered slightly, but I held to the fact of her completeness as God's expression. This lack never appeared again. Today, at ten years, she enjoys singing and can pick out tunes on the piano by ear. She enjoys piano lessons as well.

Precious, too, is my own healing of a deep and constant sense of dissatisfaction, present since childhood. It manifested itself as restlessness, fear, egotism, moodiness, possessiveness, and a general lack of purpose. This healing did not come quickly nor easily. It required many struggles to put off self, particularly self-will, but the healing has brought contentment and joy into my life, giving me the desire to know and to do God's will. Soon after came the effortless falling away of a tendency to occasionally fly into a rage.

In the hope it may help others, I wish to mention another freedom I have found—freedom from fear while driving an automobile. My husband does not drive, and when I began to drive, about twenty years ago, he did not generally take trips with our two boys and me. I did not feel I should deprive the boys of vacation trips simply because we had to go without him. It was therefore necessary for me constantly to pray to overcome fear—fear of accident, fear of mechanical breakdown and unknown roads, and a feeling of being alone responsible for two young boys. They were at that time about five and six years of age.

We never started a trip that I did not ask, "Who is the intelligence with us while we are motoring, and always? Who is in control, of us and everyone?" And the boys would answer, "God." It was a case of literally driving right through fear. I learned that declaring the truth of our spiritual being—safe in God—and continuing with normal activity, rather than letting fear bind one into inactivity, gives one the dominion and freedom natural to a child of God. Praying constantly to know God's ever-presence and all-power became second nature. I endeavored never to undergo a trip willfully, but always to make sure my motives were right. My attitude became one of obedience, one of listening, and if the message was to stay home, even at the last minute, we would not go; but Love's provision alone would cancel the trip, not fear.

Due to this constant prayer and listening, intuition, God's angel presence, began to develop in my consciousness. We were many times protected from untoward experiences, sometimes preventing them altogether, other times lifted out of them in gentle ways.

Once when my husband, boys, and I had come through the mountains near Williamsport, Pennsylvania, after we emerged from the mountains onto level ground, a great fear came upon me that something was wrong with one of the tires. I held silently to the spiritual fact that there are no accidents in divine Mind, that we all were under the complete control of Mind, God. I continued to drive and to pray, but the aggressive fear continued.

After some fifteen minutes, a loud roaring noise, like that of a helicopter hovering directly above the car, could be heard. The car was handling smoothly at fifty-five miles per hour. My husband told me I had better slow down and pull to the side of the road, which I did. We found the right front tire completely flat. Later, at a nearby garage, the attendant said we had had a blowout, and pointed to a slash, some seven inches long, almost completely through the inside wall of the tire. I did not then realize how marvelous our protection was. The helicopter sound was characteristic, I learned, of a blowout. At no time during this experience did our car even waver.

Driving has become the easiest thing I do, but it is only recently that I have realized why this is so. From the beginning of my driving experience, it was established that God and God alone was in control. It started out as a metaphysical statement of Truth in the face of fear. It ended as demonstrable fact.

(Mrs.) MARGARET G. SCHERER
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God lovingly cares for me. The knowledge of this fact has sustained me for many years.

I decided to rely solely on Christian Science treatment just before the birth of my second child. Since that time God has been my protector and healer. My marriage and family have been immeasurably supported through my study of Christian Science.

At one time my husband was ill with pneumonia. I cared for him until he was fully recovered. Shortly after he was cured I had the identical symptoms. At this time I received devoted prayerful treatment of a Christian Science practitioner, and the care of a Christian Science nurse. The healing came when I realized my upright identity as a child of God. I knew that my duty was to be up with my family and that God gives us the freedom to fulfill all our duties. The condition was completely healed in that hour and has never returned.

I am deeply thankful for membership in The Mother Church for the past forty-eight years. I have found great joy in serving a branch church in many capacities.

In recent years I have lived by myself, and sometimes it has been a struggle to remain physically active. I have found comfort and inspiration in Mrs. Eddy's statement in *Science and Health* (p. 393): "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man." With divine Love's help I have been able to rise and perform all necessary tasks.

The Father has brought peace, joy, and purpose to my life. My study of Christian Science has been a constant blessing. I deeply appreciate the Christian Science periodicals, particularly *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Each day I strive to follow the familiar instructions of Proverbs (3:5, 6): "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

(Mrs.) JOHANNA Z. ASHER
Laguna Beach, California



I would like to give thanks for all the blessings I am continually receiving through the study and practice of Christian Science, for Christ Jesus, the Way-shower, and for Mrs. Eddy.

At the passing of a loved one I had to overcome a deep sense of grief. With prayerful support of a Christian Science practitioner, through God I am healed.

As I studied the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation I was comforted. Two lines read (*Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, pp. 16-17):

"Thy kingdom come.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Enable us to know,—as in heaven, so on earth,—God is omnipotent, supreme."

More inspiration came to me in these words from a poem by Mrs. Eddy (*Poems*, p. 29):

Thou gentle beam of living Love,
And deathless Life!

Truth infinite,—so far above
All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:

Fill us today
With all thou art—be thou our saint,
Our stay, alway.

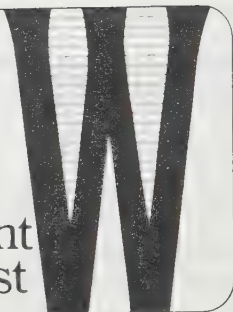
Although loved ones may no longer be physically present, the love that constitutes their true being is certainly here, because divine Love is ever present and changeless. We know that man's true identity is the embodiment of right ideas. Man does not reside in a matter body. The kingdom of heaven is where man resides.

I had to see clearly in my own thought that man is always at one with his Maker; there is no separation. As this became clear in my consciousness, I felt that peace which passeth all understanding. I read in the Bible (I Cor. 15:22), "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," and this correlative (*Science and Health*, p. 545): "'As in Adam [error] all die, even so in Christ [Truth] shall all be made alive.'"

Words are insufficient to express my gratitude. I have been healed of smoking, drinking of alcohol, and many bad traits of character. There have been countless physical healings in our family through this wonderful truth, Christian Science.

(MRS.) JEAN D. STANLEY
Brixham, South Devonshire, England

Words of Current Interest



Related to the Lesson-Sermon
for March 13, 1977, in the
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE QUARTERLY
Subject: Substance

The God of my rock (II Sam. 22:3)

The Revised Standard Version gives the meaning: "My God, my rock."

A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth (Luke 12:15)

The New English Bible renders, "Even when a man has more than enough, his wealth does not give him life."

Take no thought for your life (Luke 12:22)

The Revised Standard Version translates, "Do not be anxious about your life."

The rock whence ye are hewn . . . the hole of the pit whence ye are digged (Isa. 51:1)

Modern translations often use "quarry" instead of "pit."

The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal (II Tim. 2:19)

The New English Bible uses

the word "inscription" in place of the word "seal." The verb "standeth" is in the perfect tense, implying "has stood and still stands."

Then drew near unto him all the publicans (Luke 15:1)

The collection of certain fees was farmed out to private contractors, who commonly employed Jewish underlings to do the actual collecting. It is to these underlings that the term "publican" is usually applied. As B. J. Bamberger notes: "The Jews who for pay participated in these operations were . . . regarded as doubly base and despicable. They had sold their services to the foreign oppressor as against their own people," and they were thought of as robbers, extorting excessive gains for their masters and themselves.

Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things (Luke 10:41)

The New English Bible has, "Martha, Martha, you are fretting and fussing about so many things."

Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee (Matt. 16:17)

In *The Interpreter's Bible* Sherman Johnson points out, "'Flesh and blood' is often used in Jewish writings to mean 'humanity' as contrasted with divinity."

The Lesson-Sermons contain Bible references (King James Version) and correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.

Christian Science Lectures



Everyone is cordially invited to these free lectures.

‡ Indicates Children's Room available during lectures. Details should be obtained locally.

ENGLAND

GREATER LONDON—Sutton: Church, 42 Cheam Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 29. "Our Sonship with God" (Girardin)

KENT—Sevenoaks: Hatton Secondary School, Bradbourne Vale Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 1. "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

LANCASHIRE—Preston: Northlands High School, Moor Park, 7.30 p.m., Tues., Mar. 29.‡ "The Answer to Despair" (Holmes)

LONDON—London (Third): Church, 7 Curzon St., 7.30 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 31.‡ "God Is Where You Are" (Girardin)

MERSEYSIDE—Liverpool (First): Church, Heathfield Rd., 7.30 p.m., Mon., Mar. 28. "Finding God's Direction" (Holmes)

NORTH YORKSHIRE—Skipton: Town Hall, High St., 7.30 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 31.‡ "The Answer to Despair" (Holmes)

SURREY—Dorking: Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls, Reigate Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 27.‡ "God Is Where You Are" (Girardin)

Woking: Centre Halls, 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 1.‡ "Our Sonship with God" (Girardin)

WEST YORKSHIRE—Bradford (Second): Central Library Theatre, Princes Way, 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 2.‡ "Finding God's Direction" (Holmes)

Brighouse: Civic Hall, Bradford Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 27. "The Answer to Despair" (Holmes)

Halifax: Church, Well Head Lane, 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 1. "Who Runs Your Life?" (Holmes)

DENMARK

Århus: Folkebiblioteket, Mølleparken, 6.45 p.m., Tues., Mar. 29. In English. Danish translation 8 p.m. "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Augsburg: Vortragssaal der Stadtwerke, 1 Hoher Weg, 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 1. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Munich (First): Sophiensaal, 6 Sophienstr., 7.30 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 31. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Ulm/Donau: Church, 11 Furttenbachstr., 4 p.m., Sat., Apr. 2. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

ITALY

Florence: Institute Francese Università di Grenoble, 2 Piazza Ognissanti, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 27. In English. Italian translation 4.30 p.m. "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

SWITZERLAND

Berne: Church, 6 Helvetiaplatz, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 28. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Biel-Bienne: Kongresshaus, Vereinssaal, 60 Zentralstr., 8.15 p.m., Tues., Mar. 29. In German. French translation 6.45 p.m. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Wetzikon: Kantonsschule, Oberland Wetzikon, 2.30 p.m., Sun., Mar. 27. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATAL—Colenso: Town Hall, Sir George St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 25. See local notice for title. (Gladhorn)

NATAL (continued)

Durban (First): City Hall, Church St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 29.† See local notice for title. (Gladhorn)

TRANSVAAL—Benoni: Town Hall, Princes Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 24.† "What Are Our Values?" (Gladhorn)

Johannesburg (First): City Hall, President St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 10.† "Spirit Replaces the Myth of Matter" (Gladhorn)

AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA—Burnie: Civic Centre, Wilmot St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 24. "Do We Think, or Just Think We Think?" (Wyndham)

Hobart: Town Hall, Macquarie St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 26.† "The Divine Adventure" (Wyndham)

VICTORIA—Geelong: West Geelong City Hall, 153 Pakington St., 8.15 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 28. "What Are Your Dimensions for Living?" (Wyndham)

Melbourne (Elsternwick) (Third): Brighton Town Hall, Wilson and Carpenter Sts., Brighton, 8.15 p.m., Fri., Apr. 29.† "The Divine Adventure" (Wyndham)

BERMUDA

Hamilton: City Hall, 8 p.m., Sun., Mar. 20. "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

UNITED STATES AND CANADA

(March 11 to 19, and some earlier dates)

CANADA

ONTARIO—Sarnia: Parker Street United Church, 152 Parker St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17. "What Does It Mean to Be Saved?" (Pike)

Toronto (First): Ontario Inst. for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St., W., 8.15 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14. "Mary Baker Eddy's Challenge to Materiality" (Spencer)

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA—Lake Havasu City: Church, 225 S. Acoma Blvd., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17. "The Power of God" (Rivas)

Phoenix (First): Civic Plaza, 225 E. Adams, 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.† "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Tucson Estates (First, Tucson, sponsor): Recreation Hall, Kinney Rd. and Western Way Cir., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19. "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

ARKANSAS—North Little Rock/Sherwood: Church, S. Claremont Ave. and Dyson Dr., Sherwood, 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.† "A Lesson from a Bridge" (Tuttle)

CALIFORNIA—Fallbrook: Potter Junior High, 1743 Reche Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.† "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Gardena: Church, 1655 W. Compton Blvd., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 10.† "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Garden Grove: Church, 8552 Lampson Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18. "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

Huntington Park: Church, 6401 Rugby and Gage Aves., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.† "The Law of Christian Science Healing" (Thorneloe)

Long Beach (Sixth): Hyatt House, 6400 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.† "A New View of Prophecy" (Thorneloe)

Los Angeles (Fourth): Church, 5206 N. Figueroa St., 2.30 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.† "The Power of God" (Rivas)

Los Gatos: See local notice for place and hour. Sat., Mar. 19.† "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Menlo Park: Church, 201 Ravenswood Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.† "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Palm Springs: Plaza Theatre, 128 S. Palm Canyon Dr., 12 m., Thurs., Mar. 17. "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Riverside (Second): First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 4055 Jurupa and Brockton, 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.† "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Seal Beach: McGaugh School, Bolsa and Seal Beach Blvd., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.† "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

COLORADO—Grand Junction: Church, Seventh St. and Chipeta Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.† "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

CONNECTICUT—Hartford (Second): Church, 129 Lafayette St., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

New Haven: Church, 691 Whitney Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

FLORIDA—Belle Glade: Civic Center, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14. "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Jupiter-Tequesta: Holiday Inn, Jupiter, 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

Lakeland: Church, 220 W. Beacon Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Miami Beach: Church, 300 40th St. and Pine Tree Dr., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

New Smyrna Beach: School Hall, 301 S. Pine St., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

Ocala: City Auditorium, 836 N.E. Sanchez Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Orlando: Edgewater High School, 3100 Edgewater Dr., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

St. Augustine: Ponce de Leon Lodge, US 1-North, 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 5.‡ "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)

Sarasota (First): Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trl., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13. "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

GEORGIA—Athens: Ramada Inn, 513 W. Broad St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

ILLINOIS—Blue Island: Church, 12654 S. Maple Ave., 8 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "The Spiritual Basis of Health" (Ferris)

Chicago (Third): Church, 3434 N. Central Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "Keeping Pace with God" (Plimmer)

Chicago (Eleventh): Church, 2840 Logan Blvd., 7.30 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

De Kalb: Church, 220 N. Third St., 2 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "The Healing of Moral Weakness" (Plimmer)

Geneva: Church, 111 S. Second St., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "Christian Science: The Christian's Best Friend" (Plimmer)

Homewood: Church, 1340 183d St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "Christian Science: The Discovery of the Healing Christ" (Plimmer)

Lake Forest: Church, 509 E. Deerpath Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 3.‡ "What Does It Mean to Be Saved?" (Pike).
Note change of place.

INDIANA—Columbus: The Commons, 302 Washington St., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "Jesus, Brothers, and Other Strangers" (Wood)

Elkhart: See local notice for place and hour. Sun., Mar. 6. "Jesus, Brothers, and Other Strangers" (Wood)

Indianapolis (Fourth): Church, 5201 E. Pleasant Run Pkwy., South Dr., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "Jesus, Brothers, and Other Strangers" (Wood)

Indianapolis (Fifth): Church, 655 E. 62d St. and College Ave., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "What Does It Mean to Be Saved?" (Pike)

Lebanon: Holiday Inn, I-65 and State Rd. 39, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14.‡ "Rise and Shine" (Pike)

South Bend: Church, 207 W. Madison St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "Life Without Doubt" (Pike)

IOWA—Des Moines (First): Church, 3750 Grand Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14.‡ "Keeping Pace with God" (Plimmer)

KENTUCKY—Louisville (Second): Church, 4125 Shelbyville Rd., 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14.‡ "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

LOUISIANA—Franklin (Society, Centerville): St. Mary Parish Library, Iberia St., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18. "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

New Iberia: City Hall, Civic Center, 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19. "Accept Only the True" (Heafer)

MASSACHUSETTS—Ayer: Ayer Town Hall, Main St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

MASSACHUSETTS (continued)

Beverly: Church, Atlantic Ave. and Hale St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

Harwich Port: Parish Hall, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Main St., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18. "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

MICHIGAN—Detroit (Second): Church, 147 E. Grand Blvd., nr. E. Jefferson, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "The Spiritual Basis of Health" (Ferris)

Flint (First): Whiting Auditorium, 1241 E. Kearsley St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17. "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

Greenville: Church, 715 S. Baldwin, 7.30 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

MISSISSIPPI—Greenville: Church, Robertshaw and Main Sts., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.‡ "Christian Science: The Christian's Best Friend" (Plimmer)

MISSOURI—Brentwood: See local notice for place. 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

North Kansas City: Center Theater, 408 Armour Rd., 11 a.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "Christian Science: The Christian's Best Friend" (Plimmer)

St. Joseph: Church, 12th and Felix Sts., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Christian Science: The Christian's Best Friend" (Plimmer)

St. Louis (First, Spanish Lake): Church, 1970 Parker Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

NEW JERSEY—Hackensack: Church, 316 Hamilton Pl. and Prospect Ave., 8.30 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "From Hell to Heaven" (Rogers)

Jersey City: Church, 154 Harrison Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "The Family of Man" (Rogers)

Red Bank: Church, 211 Broad St., 8.30 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14.‡ "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

NEW MEXICO—Alamogordo: Desert Aire Hotel-Restaurant, Banquet Rm., 1021 White Sands Blvd., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Belen: Junior High Cafetorium, Fourth and Berard, 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12. "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Deming: Masonic Bldg., 1600 S. Eighth St., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Hobbs: Church, 901 N. Turner, 7.30 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Santa Fe: Sheraton Inn, 818 Calle Majia, 7.30 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "The Power of God" (Rivas)

NEW YORK—Baldwin: Church, Florence St. and Brookside Dr., 8.30 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.‡ "From Hell to Heaven" (Rogers)

Brooklyn (Fourth): Church, 156 Sterling Pl., bet. Flatbush and Seventh Aves., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "From Hell to Heaven" (Rogers)

New Rochelle: Church, 19 Locust Ave., 11 a.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

Smithtown: Church, Rte. 111 and Mt. Pleasant Rd., 8.30 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "The Family of Man" (Rogers)

Syracuse (First): Church, 728 E. Genesee St., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "The Healing Method of Christian Science" (Spencer)

NORTH CAROLINA—Kinston: Church, 1701 Windsor Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.‡ "God's Power at Hand" (Alton)

OHIO—Cleveland (First): Church, 2200 Overlook Rd., 8 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

Columbus (Third): Imperial House-North, 900 Morse Rd. and I-71, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

Euclid: Shore Jr. High, 291 E. 222d, 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

Hillsboro: Webster School, W. Walnut St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

Indian Hill (First, Silverton): Elementary School, 6205 Drake Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

OHIO (continued)

Marietta: Church, Fifth and Washington Sts., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

Newark: Church, 169 Hudson Ave. and Wyoming St., 8 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

Springfield: Church, 1616 E. High St., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

OKLAHOMA—Oklahoma City (First): Hilton Inn-Northwest, 2945 N.W. Expy., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.‡ "Are You Looking in the Right Direction?" (Rivas)

OREGON—Corvallis: First United Methodist Church, N.W. 11th and N.W. Monroe, 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

SOUTH CAROLINA—Aiken: Community Playhouse, Virginia Acres City Park, 11 a.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Beaufort: Church, 411 Waight St., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

TENNESSEE—Chattanooga: Church, 612 McCallie Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 18.‡ "A Lesson from a Bridge" (Tuttle)

Knoxville: Church, 3622 Kingston Pike, S.W., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "A Lesson from a Bridge" (Tuttle)

Murfreesboro: Church, 528 E. Main St., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

TEXAS—Alvin: Church, 713 S. Lee, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

Austin (Second): Sheraton Crest Inn, 111 E. First St., 4 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Brownwood: Church, 1814 Vincent St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15. "Let There Be Light" (Williams)

Corpus Christi (First): Harbor Playhouse, 1801 N. Water St., 2 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Denison: Church, 927 W. Sears St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 15.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

El Paso (Second): Hilton Inn, International Airport, 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Fort Worth (Third): Haltom High School, 3120 Carson, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Houston (Seventh): Church, 5740 San Felipe Rd., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Houston (First, Bellaire): Bellaire Christian Church, 6610 Alder St., 8 p.m., Fri., Mar. 11.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Lubbock: See local notice for place and hour. Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "The Power of God" (Rivas)

San Antonio (Third): Church, 2700 S. New Braunfels, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 14.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

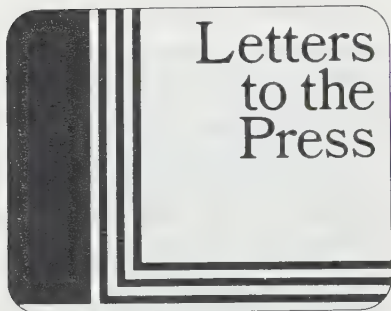
VIRGINIA—Arlington (Second): Church, 3101 Arlington Blvd., 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19.‡ "God's Power at Hand" (Alton)

Woodbridge: Middle School, 2201 York Dr., 8.15 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 17.‡ "How to Love and Be Loved" (Alton)

WASHINGTON—Shelton: United Methodist Church, 1912 King, 2 p.m., Sat., Mar. 12.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Tacoma (Second): Methodist Church, 56th and S. Puget Sound, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 13.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

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Letters to the Press

From Christian Science
Committees on Publication

St. Petersburg Independent
St. Petersburg, Florida

In the May 25 Evening Independent a quotation was taken from the Encyclopedia Americana which reads, "Scientology does, however, bear comparison with Christian Science."

Now I have no knowledge of the teachings of Scientology and, therefore, cannot draw a com-

parison. But I can bear witness to the Christianity imbedded in Christian Science.

Through its teachings I have gained a clearer comprehension of the power and presence of God and of my own relationship to Him.

My human experience has been enriched through this prayer-based religion which lifted me from among the unemployed into a business, and later, into the healing ministry.

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, says in her textbook *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*: "Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing whatever has been successfully done for the Christianization and health of mankind."

ROY K. BOTTORFF
Committee on Publication

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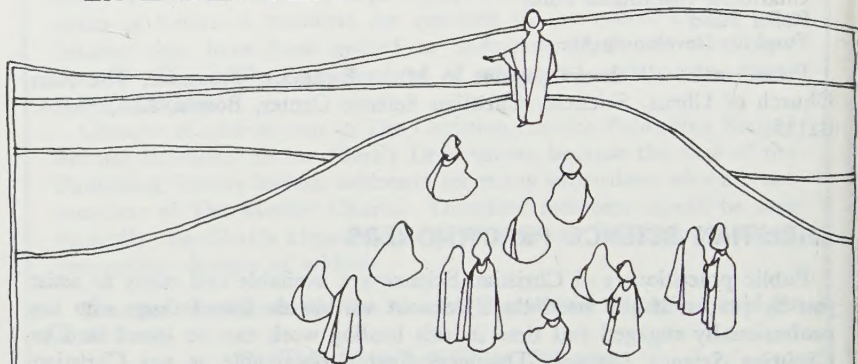
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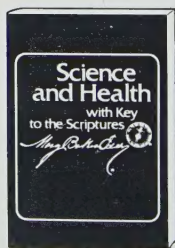
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